

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 6-12, and 20-23 are amended herein. Claims 2-5 are cancelled. All pending claims are produced below. In addition, the status of each is also indicated below and appropriately noted as “Original”, “Currently Amended”, “Canceled”, “New”, “Withdrawn”, “Previously Presented”, and “Not Entered” as requested by the Office.

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
 - a) at least one mobile computing application;
 - b) at least one phone application; and
 - e) a user-controllable pivoting input switch having multiple operational modes, wherein one operational mode comprises pivoting of the input switch in a first direction about an axis from a starting point to a first input-generating position, the input switch automatically returning to the starting point upon release after pivoting, a plurality of at least one of the multiple operational modes direct directs the operation of the mobile computing application, and a plurality of at least one of the multiple operational modes direct directs the operation of the phone application.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 ~~1~~, wherein another operational mode ~~requires the rotation~~ comprises pivoting of the pivoting switch in the counterclockwise a second direction about the axis from the starting point to a second

input-generating position, the switch returns to the starting point upon release of the pivoting.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 1, wherein ~~the switch is depressed for~~ another operational mode comprises depressing of the switch in towards the axis.
8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 1, wherein ~~the switch is structured to depress and hold in this state for a duration of time for~~ another operational mode comprises depressing of the switch in towards the axis and holding the depressing state for a duration of time.
9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein the operational mode comprising the depressing of the switch in towards the axis and holding the depressing state for a duration of time directs ~~switch is structured to maintain a depressed and held position to direct~~ the phone application to perform a redial operation.
10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein the operational mode comprising the depressing of the switch in towards the axis and holding the depressing state for a duration of time directs ~~switch is structured to maintain a depressed and held position to direct~~ the phone application to terminate an active call session.
11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 1, wherein the pivoting ~~rotation~~ of the switch directs the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation.
12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 11, wherein the pivoting ~~rotation~~ of the switch directs the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation during an active call session.

13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
 - a) a computing application;
 - b) a phone application; and
 - e) a user-controllable pivoting input switch that can be operated in at least first and second operational modes, wherein each operational mode directs the operation of the computing and phone applications, wherein the first operational mode ~~requires~~ comprises pivoting of the switch to pivot in one in a first direction about an axis from a starting point to a first input-generating position, the switch automatically returning to the starting point upon release after pivoting, and the second operational mode ~~requires~~ comprises pivoting of the switch to pivot in another in a second direction about the axis from the starting point to a second input-generating position, the switch automatically returning to the starting point upon release after the pivoting; wherein while the phone application is active, the first and second operational modes direct the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation during an active call session.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a mobile device that has a pivoting input switch, a computing application, and a phone application, the method comprising:
- a) ~~rotating the switch in a first direction~~ pivoting the switch about an axis from a starting point to an input-generating position to direct the phone application to perform a first operation, the switch automatically returning to the starting point upon release after the pivoting; and
 - b) ~~rotating the switch in the first direction~~ pivoting the switch about the axis from the starting point to the input-generating position to direct the computing application to perform a second operation, the switch automatically returning to the starting point upon release after the pivoting.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
depressing ~~pressing~~ in the switch in towards the axis to direct an ~~the~~ operation of at least one of the applications.
23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
~~placing the switch in a pressed state and holding the switch in the pressed state~~
depressing the switch in towards the axis and holding the depressing state for a duration of time to direct ~~the~~ an operation of at least one of the applications.
24. (Previously presented) A mobile device comprising:
- a) a display screen,
 - b) a lid removably covering the display screen, said lid having a transparent element that allows at least a portion of the display screen to be visible while the lid covers the display screen;

- c) a phone application;
- d) a headset socket; and
- e) a user-controllable pivoting input switch that directs the operation of the application while the lid covers the display screen,
wherein the pivoting input switch allows a user to interact with the phone application while the lid covers the display screen only when an earpiece or headset is plugged into the headset socket.

- 25. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the lid pivotally couples to the device, wherein the lid can be in at least a retracted state and an extended state, wherein in the retracted state the lid covers the display screen, and in the extended state the lid does not cover the display screen, wherein the lid rotates about a pivotal connection to the device to go from one state to another.
- 26. (Canceled)
- 27. (Canceled)
- 28. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the pivoting input switch allows the user to initiate a telephone call while the lid covers the display screen.
- 29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the application displays a graphical user interface (“GUI”) to the user, and the pivoting input switch allows the user to interact with the GUI while the lid covers the display screen.
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)
35. (New) The device of claim 6, wherein the second direction is opposite to the first direction.